

CHAPTER NO. 127

SENATE BILL NO. 1080

By Ketron, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 784

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to parenting plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-404, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection thereto:

(_) The administrative office of the courts shall develop a "Parenting Plan" form that shall be used consistently by each court within the state that approves parenting plans pursuant to §§ 36-6-403 or 36-6-404 on and after July 1, 2005. The administrative office of the courts shall be responsible for distributing such form for the use of those courts no later than June 1, 2005. The administrative office of the courts shall be responsible for updating such form as it deems necessary, in consultation with the Tennessee family law commission, the domestic relations committee of the Tennessee judicial conference, and other knowledgeable persons.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-404, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection thereto:

() The administrative office of the courts, in consultation with the Tennessee bar association's family law section, the Tennessee council of juvenile and family court judges, the domestic relations committee of the Tennessee judicial conference, and other knowledgeable persons, shall study the implementation and use of the parenting plan process and form in child custody cases involving children born out of wedlock which are heard in juvenile courts and other Tennessee courts. The administrative office of the courts shall report its findings, along with any recommendations regarding implementation and use of the form, to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the Children and Family Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives by no later than January 15, 2006.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 21, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR